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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action (Paper No. 11) mailed May 22, 2002. A Request for Continued Examination and appropriate fee are submitted herewith. A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time, extending the response deadline to October 22, 2003 is also submitted herewith. A separate paper and fee for the submission of excess claims is also submitted. Please charge any further fee that is due, and credit any excess, to deposit account 50-0573.

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